

Town of Mansfield
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – May 6, 2010

Present: Knox, Ames, Smith, Hultgren (Staff), Coughlin

The meeting was called to order by Chair Knox at 7:37 pm.

The minutes of the March 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved on a motion by Smith/Knox.

The committee continued its discussion of mini-service and decided that the reasons for keeping mini service collection outweighed the reasons for discontinuing it.

Hultgren passed out a worksheet outlining components of litter control programs in Mansfield and said that additional programs, particularly in the North Eagleville Road/Hunting Lodge Road area are under discussion. Members discussed possible elements of that program including video surveillance, litter receptacles, University participation, parking and the accumulating of costs and reporting of same to Town residents. It was agreed that measurement of the program's impact/success would be needed to determine if it was worth continuing. Staff is working to further develop a pilot program along with ways to determine its effectiveness.

Knox presented her continuing research into the Westport plastic bag ordinance and the program was discussed. While the ordinance/ban had many good aspects, committee members felt that it would be appropriate to first try a program of educating and marketing the use of reusable bags, perhaps with some participation by Mansfield businesses. Staff will try to develop an outline of such a program for review at a future meeting.

Hultgren reported on behalf of Walton on the ongoing give and go program at UConn which was recycling many items to local charities that would otherwise be thrown out.

The discussion of committee goals was cut short due to the lateness of the meeting; however, it was felt that the bag reuse public relations effort and the litter program development were worthy short-term goals. The goal discussion will remain on the next meeting's agenda.

The next meeting was set for July 1, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works

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